



**NIFA Veterinary Medicine  
Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)**

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## Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be completed by the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or his/her designee

### Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

**Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)**

**Note: Please submit one separate nomination form for each position. See solicitation for number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.**

#### Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Note: If this nomination is for a public practice position, please provide the location of the home office or the center of service area.

**Veterinary Shortage ID Code: VA114**

Location of Veterinary Shortage: Appomattox, Campbell, Charlotte, and Prince Edward Counties

(e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or

Location of Position: Rustburg, VA 24588

(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

#### Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty

☒ Type I Shortage: Private Practice

Food Animal Medicine (at least 80 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

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|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Beef Cattle    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Dairy Cattle   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Swine          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Poultry        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Small Ruminant |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Other _____    |

☐ Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area

Food Animal Medicine (at least 30 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Beef Cattle    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dairy Cattle   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Swine          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Poultry        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Small Ruminant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other : _____  |

☐ Type III Shortage: Public Practice (at least 49 percent time\*)

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas.

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Food Safety   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Epidemiology  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other: _____  |

Please describe the objectives of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

**The 2009 Virginia General Assembly ordered a study of the Large Animal Veterinary Shortage in Virginia, and the study concluded that Central Virginia was one Virginia area that had a need for additional veterinarians.**

**Objectives for a food supply veterinarian in this designated area:**

- **Establish a new rural predominantly food animal practice in the area or join an existing practice and add food animal veterinary services capacity in the practice.**
- **Provide production management and emergency veterinary services for livestock producers in the area.**
- **Be available to a local livestock market to provide certificates of inspection for animals being sold at the markets.**
- **Assist local producers, in cooperation with the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, to look for ways to expand, diversify or expand their livestock production to sustain the livestock industry in the area.**
- **Support state/federal animal health officials and the local health department by helping to recognize and manage potential foreign animal diseases, emerging diseases, and zoonotic diseases.**
- **Serve as a resource for local Animal Control on livestock animal health and welfare cases.**

Please describe the activities of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation and being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).

**The successful applicant should provide predominantly food animal veterinary services in the designated counties. National Agricultural Statistics Service indicates that there are 37,400 mature beef cows, 2,800 milking dairy cows, and 3,022 sheep in the area.**

**One of the largest livestock markets in the state is in Campbell County, within the designated area. The successful applicant should arrange to be available to this market to provide certificates of veterinary inspection for livestock going out of state from this market and to respond to questions concerning possible contagious food animal diseases, and to interact with producers on sale day.**

**There are 61,600 mature beef cows, 2,600 milking cows, 1,800 sheep, and 3,022 goats in other food supply veterinarian deficient counties adjacent to the designated county. A predominantly food animal practitioner residing in the designated area should be able to establish an adequate livestock client base in the designated and adjacent areas to sustain a practice.**

Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 100 words or less).

**Previous recruitment attempts have been minimal, but the current Campbell County administrator has offered to work with the local extension agent to assist a new veterinarian to identify free or reduced-rate office space during start up, to promote a new veterinarian to the local farmers, to identify possible revenue streams from the county government, and to facilitate any local permitting or regulatory requirements. The Campbell County Cooperative Extension Unit Chairman also wrote to express a willingness to facilitate the establishment of a new food supply veterinarian in the county.**

Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 250 words or less).

**These counties have both urban and rural areas, and many formerly mixed animal practices are now companion animal exclusive. The areas are well suited for food production agriculture. As the local dairy farmers have matured out of the industry, much of the local infrastructure has deteriorated, including the availability of food animal veterinary services. Failure to fill this void and establish a food animal veterinary service will allow the infrastructure and client base to continue to decline for lack of support. The local livestock industry will continue to be at an increased risk for foreign animal diseases, emerging diseases, and possible agroterrorism because of the absence of timely veterinary services. The public health and food supply will suffer because of the absence of a food animal veterinarian to assist with the early recognition and management of zoonotic diseases. The absence of a veterinarian in the area will mean that producers must make antibiotic withdrawal decisions for treated animals without professional advice. Adjacent food animal practitioners are not able to adequately cover the needs for veterinary services by the livestock producers in the area.**

Please indicate whether you consider this situation/position a candidate for a "service in emergency" agreement (limit your response to 100 words or less). Please see solicitations for additional information regarding the obligation of participants who enter into the "Service in Emergency" agreement.

Not required at this time according to instructions.

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